



iMac SSD Replacement

How I swapped internal 3,5 sata II hdd with OCZ vertex 3 240gb 2,5' ssd

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TOOLS:

- [T10 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
- [T8 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)



PARTS:

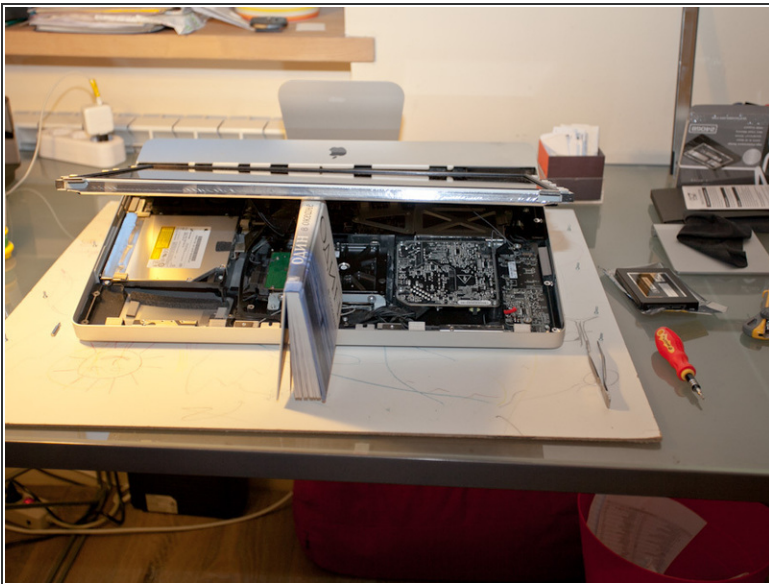
- [SSD](#) (1)

Step 1 — SSD



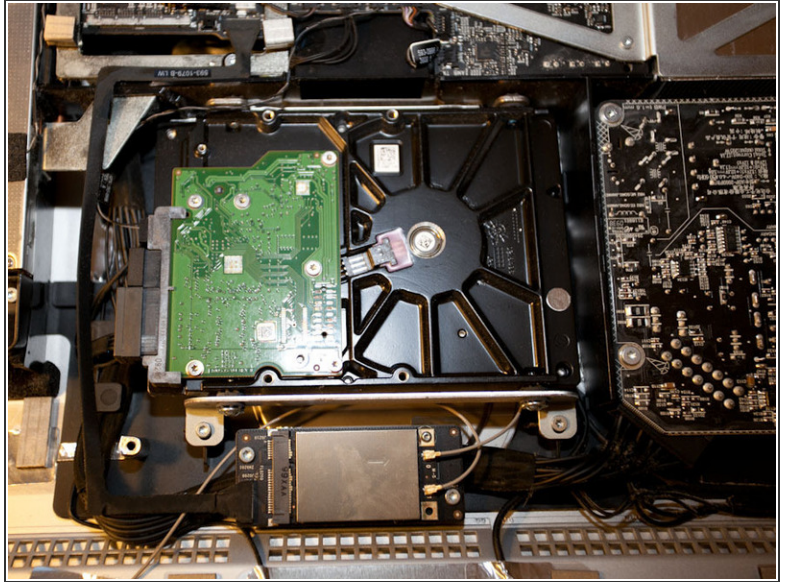
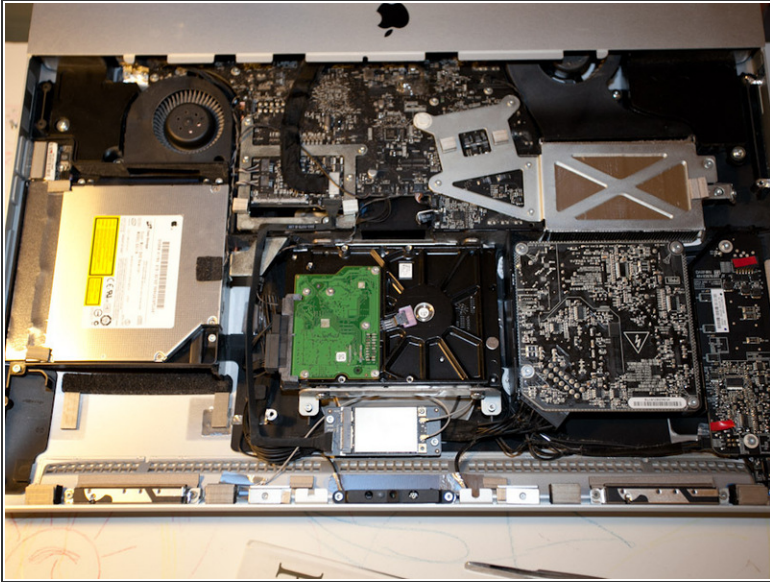
- 'Gotta do it', - he thought.

Step 2



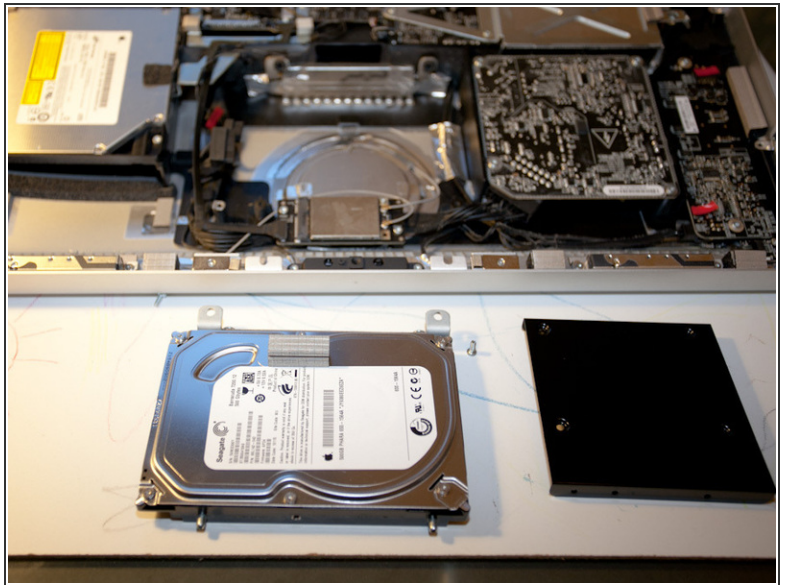
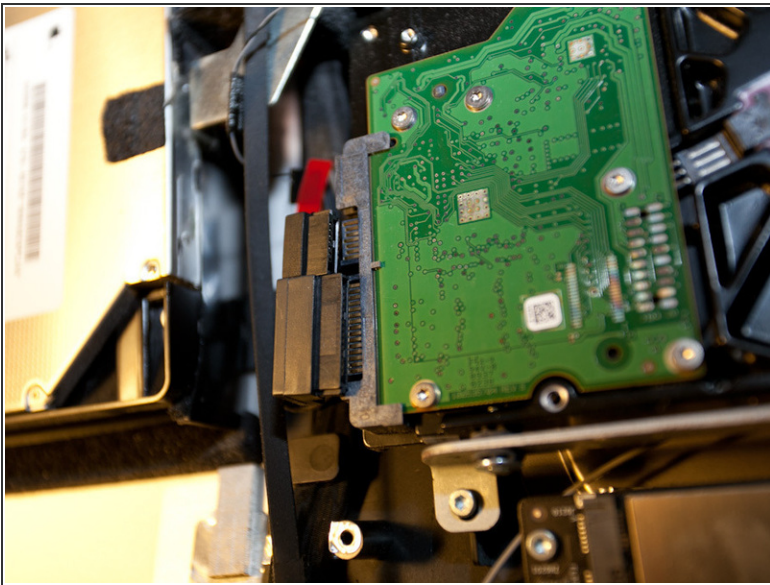
- Torx 8 and Torx 10 screwdrivers - is all tools you need.
- Slava Kurilov, you are big help again!

Step 3



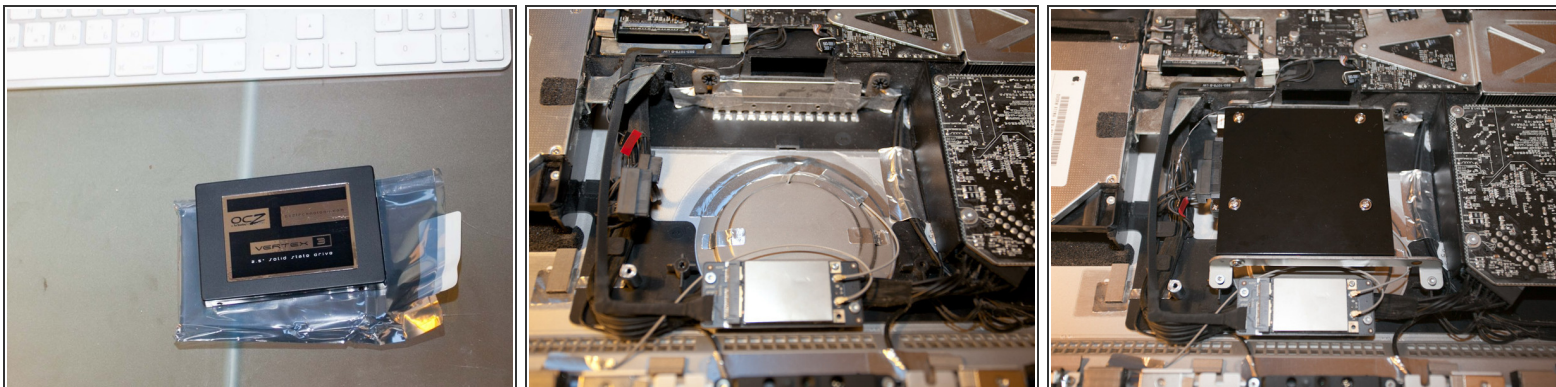
- Here you are, good old Seagate 500gb 7200rpm sata ii hdd.
- C'mon out, buddy, I 'll hook you to usb

Step 4



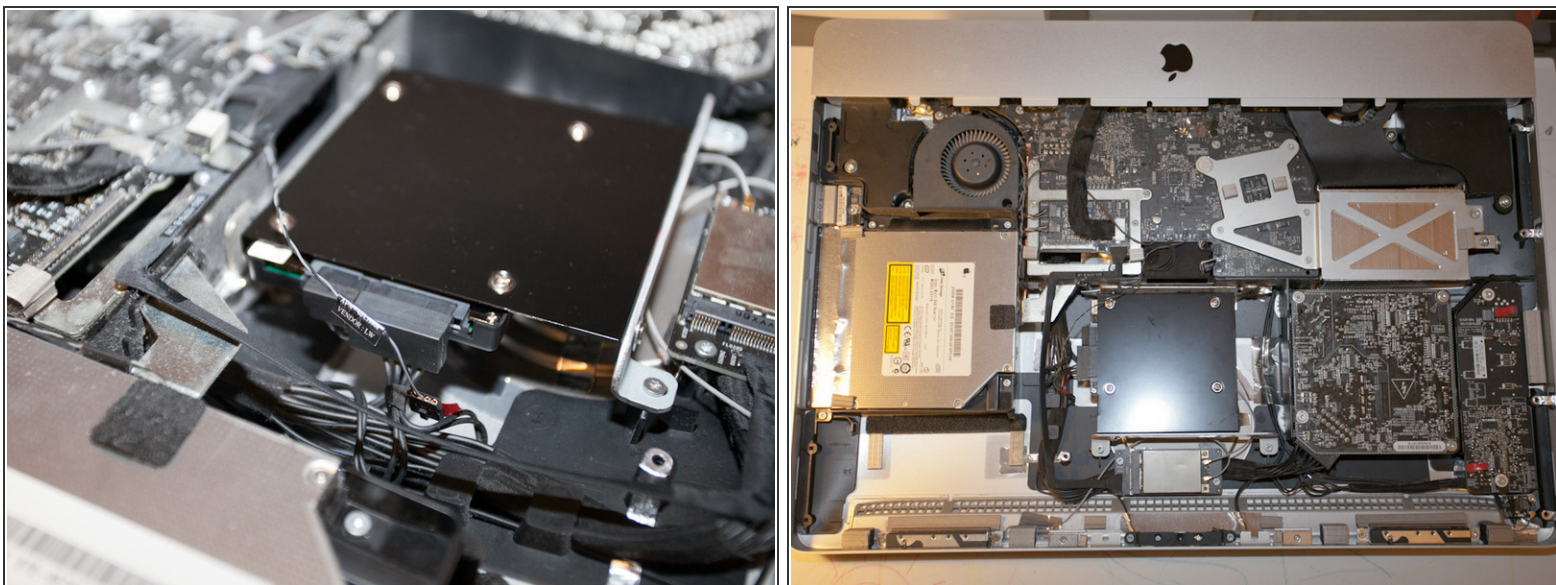
- Here goes the sata data and power connectors

Step 5



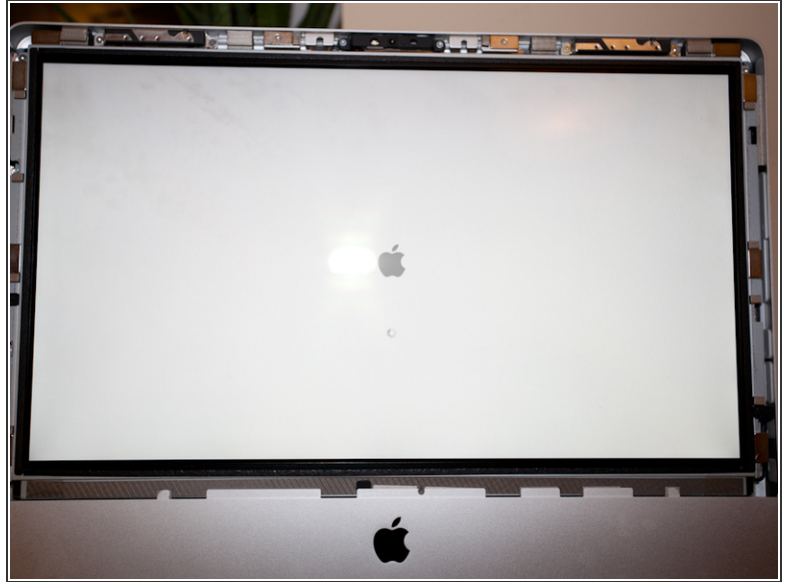
- Gosh, what a tiny little device for 300usd.
- Bracket adaptor gave me grief...
- Thought, wouldn't work
- But, not without reason, my gran-grans were respectable engineers
- I got a workaround

Step 6



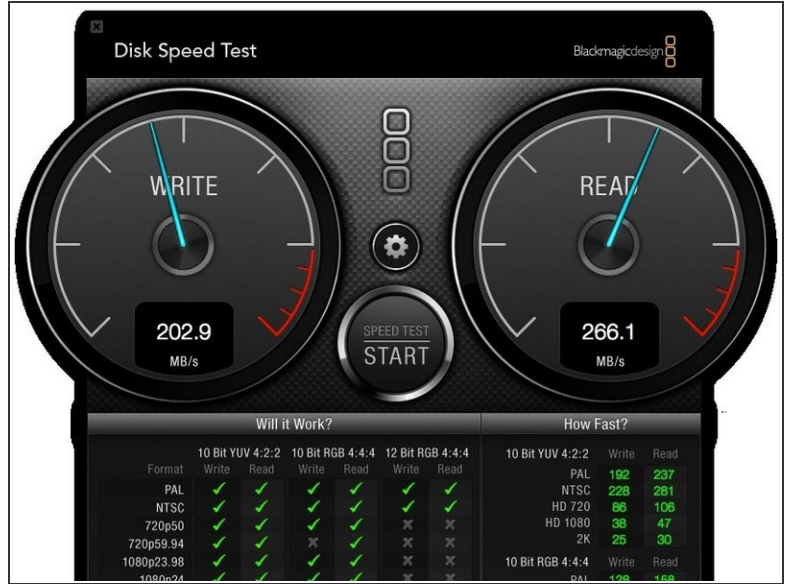
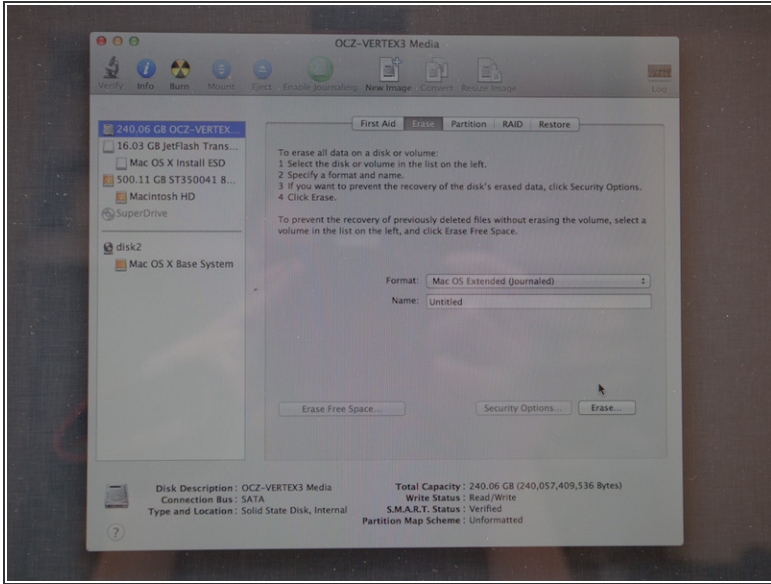
- Insert wisdom here.

Step 7



- Snap the screen cover back
- Turn it on ... and... its booting time!
- Hello, ssd!

Step 8



- SSD is recognized
- Few minutes to install fresh copy of Lion to ssd and make it bootable
- Few secs (ok hours) to restore from time machine backup of old sata
- And here you are - speedtest honey! (Too bad old sata controller does not allow full sata iii speed)
- Yes, and dont forget to purchase HDD fan control to reason the hdd fan (I had no gut to bridge temp connector, which has no place in ssd)
- Enjoy re-birthing of your old mac

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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